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APPLICANT(S): JACK V. SMITH

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FOR: Methods for Assaying Biological and other Constituents using Synthetic
Nucleounits in Lateral Flow, Liquid, and Dry Chemistry Techniques**Amendment**Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action letter mailed 09/23/2003, please amend the above
application as follows: